



Federal Legislative Update

Intergovernmental Relations Committee
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CONGRESSIONAL PRIORITIES

- **Federal Appropriations:**
 - FY 2022 continuing resolution expires March 11
 - Lawmakers have agreed on top-line spending totals, which enables subcommittees to focus on particulars including policy riders and earmarks
 - FY 2023 budgeting process initiated when President Biden puts forward a proposed budget around March 1
- **America COMPETES:**
 - House and Senate measures addressing competing with China have been informally discussed between the two chambers
 - Next step would be a committee of conference established to iron out the differences between the two bills
 - Deep seated disagreements that need time to resolve

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CONGRESSIONAL PRIORITIES

- **Build Back Better Act:**
 - Democrats' \$1.75 trillion social spending package (H.R. 5376) is stalled in the Senate
 - While the Administration has insisted that the legislation would be fully paid for, Sen. Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) has stalled the \$2 trillion package of climate, tax and social spending initiatives, citing his concern about the effect on federal debt as well as inflation
 - Administration is considering reworking the economic and social spending plan to emphasize deficit reduction in a bid to secure support from Sen. Manchin
 - Top congressional Democrats have also discussed adding deficit reduction measures

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CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFINGS

- Briefings are being scheduled with Congressional Delegation for City Council to review the 2022 Federal Legislative Agenda
- Targeting:
 - Pre-Brief with Holland & Knight – Monday, March 14, Evening
 - Briefings with Delegation on Tuesday, March 15, and if needed on Wednesday, March 16
- Schedule and briefing materials will be provided to City Council prior to the Conference



CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFINGS

- Key 2021 Accomplishments:
 - American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
 - Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
 - House-passed version of the Build Back Better Act
- Review the 2022 Federal Legislative Agenda
 - Infrastructure & Community Needs
 - Comprehensive Immigration Reform
- Review what City can do to help the Delegation



KEY 2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- New funding for transit, aviation, highways, rail, sustainable infrastructure, digital equity and water provided in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Plan
- Emergency funding for housing, aviation, transit and other needs provided in the American Rescue Plan
- RAISE grant for the Charlotte Transportation Center

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NEXT STEPS

- March 7 – 11: Provide briefing materials and schedule
- March 14 – 16 (DC): Congressional Briefings
- March 21: IRC Meeting

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